

Rue L. Clegg Dies Of Heart Attack in Mexico

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Rue Lawton Clegg, 63, lawyer, businessman and builder and operator of the Bridal Veil aerial skyride, died sud-



denly of a heart attack early Saturday morning in Guadalupe, Mexico. He had gone, with his wife and two children, to Mexico for a Christmas vacation.

Mr. Clegg

Although death came unexpectedly, he had a previous record of heart illness.

He was the brother of Provo City Commissioner Luke Clegg, Lula Clegg and Mrs. Grant (Genevieve) Madsen, all who live in Provo, and Mrs. Fred (Lucetta) Kohler, of Orem.

He was born in Heber Oct. 1, 1900, the son of Frederick L. and Emma Caroline Luke Clegg. He was the 13th of 17 children in the family.

He grew up in Heber and graduated from the Utah State Agricultural College in Logan, later teaching vocational agriculture for a number of years at schools in Payson and Clovis, N. M.

Deciding to make law his profession, he attended law school in Washington, D. C., and graduated from the University of Utah Law School. He was city attorney in Heber, then moved to Salt Lake City where he practiced law and was elected to the state senate from Salt Lake County, serving from 1946 to 1950.

He sought the Republican nomination for United States senator from Utah, surviving the GOP convention along with Senator Wallace F. Bennett but losing to Senator Bennett, who was seeking re-election, in the primary.

Several years ago he began operations to realize a boyhood dream of making an attractive public resort out of Bridal Veil Falls in Provo Canyon. Obtaining the necessary land, he began construction of the present aerial Skyride, one of the most unique operations of its kind in the country. It has been successfully in operation for about two years.

Mr. Clegg married Margaret Mason and they had two children, John, 17, and Anne, 15, both students at Orem High School. The family has a home in Springdell, Provo Canyon where they lived while operating the Skyride.

Surviving besides his wife and two children are a step daughter, Mrs. Mollie Sabo, Boston, and the following brothers and sisters, City Commissioner Clegg, Lula Clegg and Mrs. Grant (Genevieve) Madsen, all of Provo; Mrs. Fred (Lucetta) Kohler, Orem; Fred W. and Martell Clegg, both of Salt Lake City; and Reed K. Clegg, Fresno, Calif.

Funeral arrangements are pending.